

1	2	3	4	5	6
7.	Japan	Japanese Yen	Industrial Pollution Control	Private	33.83
8.	USA	US Dollars	Greenhouse Gas Pollution	Centre	0.00
9.	Sweden	S. Kroner	Environment Training Project	Andhra Pradesh	0.76
10.	Japan	Japanese Yen	Yamuna Action Plan Project	Centre	0.39
11.	Norway	N. Kroner	Orissa Environmental Programme	Orissa	1.66
12.	Norway	N. Kroner	Environmental Programme	Himachal Pradesh	0.81

[English]

### Free Sale Quota of Sugar

2566. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to hike the quantum of sugar permitted to be sold by the mills under the free sale quota and also for hiking sugar buffer stock;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demand of sugar industry for creation of a buffer stock of 25 lakh tonnes may not be possible to meet due to the lack of storage facilities as well as the costs involved therein; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d) The monthly releases of sugar are made keeping in view the availability of sugar, sugar price trend, availability of other sweeteners, demand, etc.

At present, there is no proposal to increase the quantum of buffer stock of sugar.

### Nair Committee

2567. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have given any direction to the Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair Committee appointed to examine the representation of Kerala Government regarding implementation of provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the report of the said Committee is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Expert Committee on 30.12.96, under

the Chairmanship of Prof. Balakrishnan Nair to examine the representation of Kerala Government regarding implementation of provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification.

(b) The terms of reference of the Expert Committee are :

(i) To examine the representation of Government of Kerala that the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification should not be uniformly applied to the State, as the problems of its coast line, estuaries and backwaters are very different from those of other states and to suggest/recommendations thereon.

(ii) To examine whether the restrictions against establishing and expanding fish processing units within 500m from HTL be modified and if so, the recommendations in this regard.

(iii) Any other relevant issue raised by the State Government.

(c) The Committee has been given ten weeks time to submit its report.

[Translation]

### Bhopal Gas Tragedy

2568. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per the directions given by the Supreme Court the facility to file claims for compensation has been again given to the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy after a period of twelve years;

(b) if so, the number of persons who have filed claims for compensation so far since then; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) About 6 lakh compensation claims were registered during the 5 year period 1985 to 1989. Out of these 4.21 lakh claim cases have been decided till

31.01.1997 and an amount of about Rs. 910 crores has been awarded as compensation. However, to give an opportunity to those persons who may not have filed their claims during the period 1985 to 1989, a notification under Section 4 of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985 was issued in December, 1996 inviting applications for claims. Another about 4 lakh compensation claims have been received during the 60 days notified period. All the compensation claim cases are being processed in accordance with the provisions of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985.

[English]

#### Procurement of Paddy

2569. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of paddy procured in 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97, state-wise; and

(b) the procurement and issue prices of paddy and rice in the said period per quintal alongwith the average market Prices for the same years?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

#### Bauxite Mining in Bihar

2570. SHRI MAHABIR LAL BISHVAKARMA :  
SHRI DHIRENDRA AGRAWAL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that indiscriminate mining of Bauxite is causing pollution as a result of which diseases are spreading in Palamau district of South Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) A number of Bauxite mines are operating in Palamau district of South Bihar. However, there is no conclusive scientific report on spreading of diseases attributable to pollution from Bauxite mines. The mines operating in this area have taken consent from the Bihar State Pollution Control Board. These mines are also submitting reports on ambient air quality, mines reclamation and tree plantation to the Bihar State Pollution Control Board.

[English]

#### Soil and Water Conservation

2571. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any project for approval from Kerala in regard to the Soil and Water conservation measures to be taken in the catchment areas of Kabini river;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of the project?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir, A proposal covering an area of 1.92 lakh ha. has been received from the State Government of Kerala for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Soil conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP). The proposal would be considered for inclusion during the IXth Plan period in the light of guidelines and parameters in this regard by duly constituted committee at appropriate time.

[Translation]

#### Supply of Urea to States

2572. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of Urea supplied to the States by the Union Government alongwith the details thereof, state-wise;

(b) whether the farmers have to purchase fertilizers in black market due to non supply of the same to the States on time;

(c) if so, the number of persons found quality for the black-marketing the fertilizers in Madhya Pradesh and the number of persons punished in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government are taking measures to ensure that fertilizers are made available to the farmers on time?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Statement indicating Statewise supply of urea during Rabi 1996-97 i.e. upto 31.1.1997, is enclosed.

(b) and (c) No specific and verifiable case, regarding urea being sold in black market, has been reported.

No complaint has been received from Madhya Pradesh in this Ministry. However, some complaints regarding blackmarketing in DAP were received from Rajasthan. The said complaints were forwarded to the State Government for taking necessary action.